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WHITE HOUSE PASS VICE PRESIDENT; FOR SAUNDERS FROM ATHERTON

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT'S STATEMENT ON PLO

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1. THE SECRETARY HAS ASKED THAT YOU CALL TO THE VICE
PRESIDENT'S ATTENTION THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT WHICH WE
ARE MAKING AVAILABLE TO THE PRESS HERE THIS EVENING.

2. BEGIN TEXT:

WITH RESPECT TO THE STATEMENTS ON THE PLO MADE BY DEPUTY
ASSISTANT SECRETARY HARROP ON JUNE 27 AND AMBASSADOR
ATHERTON ON JUNE 28 IN TESTIMONY BEFORE SUB-COMMITTEES
OF THE SENATE, THE DEPARTMENT WANTS TO MAKE CLEAR THAT
WE VIEW THE PLO AS AN ORGANIZATION, ELEMENTS AND MEMBERS
OF WHICH ADVOCATE AND CARRY OUT ACTS OF TERRORISM. WE
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CONDEMN SUCH ACTS AND THOSE ORGANIZATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS
WHO PERPETRATE THEM. IN THIS REGARD, WE CONDEMN TODAY'S
BOMBING IN JERUSALEM, FOR WHICH AN ORGANIZATION OF THE
PLO HAS CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY, AND THOSE WHO PERPETRATED
THIS ATROCITY COMMITTED AGAINST INNOCENT PEOPLE. WE
EXTEND OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO THE VICTIMS AND THEIR
FAMILIES. VANCE

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